

Message

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Sent: 12/8/2020 9:31:16 PM
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Subject: RE: OPP IO REVIEW: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Good.

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From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Hi Ed,

Below is our response to the press inquiry. The part of the response is from the desk statement (attached for reference) and then Catherine helped us to address the InertFinder part of the inquiry (this issue has come up before as noted in the attached email string).

Incoming:

I'm working on a quick story about PFAS appearing in an insecticide, Anvil 10+10, and I noticed on EPA's Inert Finder application that perfluoroalkyl substances (seemingly two of them?) appear as approved ingredients for non-food use only. Just wanted to confirm that was the case and if there is any concern about those chemicals, and/or if EPA has any concern about PFAS appearing in pesticides generally?

Thanks so much for any help -- my deadline is tomorrow, 11 a.m. EST.

Response:

Aggressively addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) continues to be an important, active and ongoing priority for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Currently all registered pesticides and those pending registration do not have chemical structures – or physical or chemical properties – comparable to PFAS such as PFOS, PFOA, GenX and PFBS. The registrant, Clarke Mosquito, states that PFAS are not active or inert ingredients in the mosquito control product named Anvil 10-10 ULV. EPA has detailed information on the components of this formulation and can confirm that no ingredients in the approved formulation are PFAS.

Not all substances that appear in InertFinder are used in currently registered pesticide products. To reduce confusion, we are working to remove the entries for these two legacy substances.

Thanks,

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Hi Ed and Mike,

I wanted to flag we will be coming to you very soon regarding the inquiry below about mass PFAS. Dian is working on this now.

Thanks,
Shamus

From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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This is a hot one- this is related to the mass pfas mosquito issue. Please elevate to ed and mike for help.

From: Hackel, Angela
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; OPS CSID CB <OPS_CSID_CB@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hello,

Please see the below. Her deadline is 11:00 am tomorrow.

Please let me know how you would like to respond.

Thanks,

Angela

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ev Crunden <ecrunden@eenews.net>
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Best,
Ev

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